

Eschatological Anxiety

2THS 2:1-17; DAN 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; REV 13:5,6; 17:17

INTRODUCTION:

Fear of the future



☛ The man of lawlessness will _____ many, but Christ will win in the end.

1. Paul _____ the church's understanding about "last things". (2:1-12)
 - a. The Thessalonians were still _____ about the end times.
 - b. Paul reminded them that a Great _____ would mark the beginning of the Day of Wrath.
 - A man of _____ will be revealed in the future. (v3)
 - He would do _____ things. (v4)
 - This hasn't happened yet because he is being _____ . (v6)
 - The _____ plans of lawlessness/sin are already at work. (v7)
 - When the restrainer is removed, the man of sin will rise to _____ quickly. (v8)
 - c. Paul reminded them that Jesus would _____ the man of lawlessness at the end of the Day of Wrath.
 - d. Paul reminded them that _____ was actively opposing God's plan of salvation.
2. Paul _____ the church's faith while they waited for the "next thing" to happen. (2:13-15)
 - a. Paul was _____ for their spiritual progress.
 - b. Paul exhorted them to stand firm in their faith and to hold on to solid _____ (spec. eschatology).
3. Paul prayed _____ for his confused friends in Thessalonica. (2:16-17)

CONCLUSION:

- Be _____ who you learn eschatology from.
 - Study _____ for yourself.
 - Be aware of taking in "extra" _____.
- Love and obey the truth of the _____.
- Take pleasure in righteous _____ and words.
- Pray for each other that you might not be _____.